(Ireland.)

ACCOUNTS

RELATING TO THE

TRADE AND PORT DUTIES

OF THE

PORT OF DUBLIN.

Ordered, by The House of Commons, *to be Printed,*
21 *April* 1823.

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(1.)—AN ACCOUNT of the Number of VESSELS which Entered into, and Cleared out at the Port of Dublin, at the Custom House, Dublin, during the Three Years ended 5th January 1822; distinguishing the applied, and under what

YEARS ended 5th January	Number of Vessels Invoiced.	Number of Vessels Outvoiced.	For the Maintenance of the Light Houses round the Coasts of Ireland: By Prescription. 2d. pr Ton on British Vessels (Colliers and Coasters excepted.) 6d. pr Ton on Foreign Vessels.	Per Act 52 Geo. 3. c. 115. ¼d. pr Ton pr Light on British Vessels. ½d. pr Ton pr Light on Foreign Vessels.	Duty of 2s. 2d. on the Invoice and Outvoice of each Vessel.	AMOUNT of Light House Dues.
			£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
1820 -	3,893	3,904	1,454 1 9	2,374 – 9	844 13 6	4,672 16 –
1821 -	3,539	3,510	926 11 9	1,927 19 1½	707 6 2	3,561 17 –½
1822 -	3,601	3,542	907 5 9	1,902 3 6	590 19 2	3,400 8 5

Note.—The above are the only Port Dues and Charges on Vessels which are taken account of and

Custom House, Dublin,
6th March 1823.

(3.)—AN ACCOUNT of all PORT DUTIES, CHARGES or FEES, paid to the Inspector, Book-keeper, or the during three years, ending January 1822, under the name of Fees or Gratuities to Coal-meters, or Inspector, or and Amount of Salary of Officer or Officers receiving or collecting the same; distinguishing the particulars of

	£. s. d.
AMOUNT of COALS discharged out of Ships for the year 1819: 250,136 Tons 7½ Barrels.	
Coal Meters Wages on the above quantity of Coals at 6d. per Ton, being their entire Charge and Receipt - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	6,253 8 6
William Howard, Inspector, his Fees on 1,793 Ships, at 2/8½ per - - - - - -	242 16 –½
Richard Oulton, Bookkeeper, Fees on 1,836 Ships and Custom House Bottoms, at 1/1 per -	99 9 –
£.	6,595 13 6½
The above Wages and Fees are received by authority of the Guild of Merchants, who have the Appointment of the Coal Meters and Officers; and there is not any other Fee or Wages received or chargeable on the Coal Ships by this Establishment.	
AMOUNT of COALS discharged out of Ships for the year 1820: 257,328 Tons 5 Barrels.	
Coal Meters Wages on the above quantity of Coals, at 6d. per Ton, being their entire Charge and Receipt - - - - - - - - - - - - - - - -	6,433 4 3
William Howard, Inspector, his Fees on 1,731 Ships at 2/8½ per - - - - - -	234 8 1½
Richard Oulton, Book-keeper, his Fees on 1,776 Ships and Custom House Bottoms at 1/1 per	96 4 –
£.	6,763 16 4½

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and the Amount of all PORT DUES, Charges or Fees paid thereon, Particulars of such Port Dues, Charges or Fees, to what Purposes Law or Authority levied.

For the erection of an Asylum Harbour at Dunleary:			
Per Act 56 Geo. 3. c. 62.			
6 *d* pr Ton on Foreign Vessels; 4 *d* pr Ton on British Vessels, (Colliers and Coasters excepted.) 2 *d*. per Ton on Colliers and Coasters.	Duty of 2 *s*. 2 *d* on the Invoice and Outvoice of each Vessel.	AMOUNT of Dunleary Harbour Dues.	TOTAL.
£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
4,567 3 5	844 13 6	5,411 16 11	10,084 12 11
3,800 3 –	707 6 2	4,507 9 2	8,069 8 2½
3,716 19 5	590 19 2	4,307 13 7	7,708 7 –

chequed in this department.

—2.—

AN ACCOUNT of the Number of Vessels in the COAL TRADE, that Entered into, and Cleared out at the Port of Dublin, during the Three Years ended the 5th January 1822.

Years ended 5th January	Number of VESSELS: In-voiced.	Out-voiced.	Rate of Charges on COAL VESSELS Chequed in this Department.
1820	1,942	1,945	For Light Houses: ½ *d*. per Ton per Light, and 2 *s*. 2 *d*. on the Invoice and Outvoice of each Vessel.
1821	1,756	1,776	For Dunleary Harbour: 2 *d*. per Ton burthen, and 2 *s*. 2 *d* on the Invoice and Outvoice of each Vessel.
1822	1,884	1,809	

Note.—THE King's Duty on the quantity of Coals imported into Dublin, taken on the average of the above Three Years, amounts annually to £. 24,154; and the additional Duty for the Improvement of Dublin, payable to the Commissioners of Wide Streets, on a like average, to £. 12,424. The portion of Lighthouse and Dunleary Harbour Duties on Colliers, has never been distinguished in the Custom House Accounts; but the Total Amount of these Duties, for the Year ended 5th January 1822, is £. 7,708. 7 *s*. as appears in the annexed Account.

H. B. Hautenville,
Comptroller of Tonnage and Light Money.

Coal-meters appointed by the Guild of Merchants, DUBLIN, on all Ships discharging Coals in the Port of Dublin, Book-keepers Fees, or other Fees of whatever description, and by whatever other Name designated, with the Name such Dues, Charges, or Fees, to what purpose applied, and under what Law or Authority levied.

AMOUNT of COALS discharged out of Ships for the year 1821: 236,494 Tons 6 Barrels.		£. s. d.
Coal Meters Wages on the above quantity of Coals, at 6 *d*. per Ton, being their entire Charge and Receipt		5,912 7 4½
William Howard, Inspector, his Fees on 1,779 Ships at 2/8½ per		240 8 1½
Richard Oulton, Book keeper, his Fees on 1,820 Ships and Custom House Bottoms at 1/1 per		98 11 8
	£.	6,251 7 2
Coal Meters Wages on the admeasurement of 250,136 Tons 7½ Barrels of Coals, discharged from Ships in the year 1819, in the Port of Dublin	6,253 8 6	
Coal Meters Wages, on 36 yards for the admeasurement of 2,240 Tons 4 Barrels of Coals for the year 1819	56 – 3	6,309 8 9
Out of which the Coal Meters pay the following Sums; viz.		
Inspector on 1,874 bookings at 2/2 per	203 – 4	
Book-keeper for the same	203 – 4	
Ditto for Messenger	36 – –	442 – 8
	£.	5,867 8 1
There are Eighty Coal Meters, the Average of the above Sum to each		73 6 10½

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	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
Coal Meters wages, on the admeasurement of 257,328 tons 5 barrels of Coals, discharged from ships in the year 1820	6,433	4	3			
Coal Meters wages, on 6 yards, for the admeasurement of 541 tons of coals, for the year 1820 - - - - -	13	10	6			
				6,446	14	9
Out of which Coal Meters pay the following Sums; viz.						
Inspector, on 1,826 bookings, at 2/2 per - - -	£. 197	16	4			
Book-keeper for the same - - - - - -	197	16	4			
Ditto - for Messenger - - - - -	36	–	–			
				431	12	8
			£.	6,015	2	1
The average of this sum to each Coal Meter - - - -			£.	75	3	9¾
Coal Meters wages, on the admeasurement of 236,494 tons 6 barrels of Coals, discharged from ships in the year 1821 - - - - - - -				5,912	7	4½
Out of which Coal Meters pay the following Sums; viz.						
Inspector, on 1,776 bookings, at 2/2 per - - -	£. 192	8	–			
Book-keeper, for the same - - - - - -	192	8	–			
Ditto - for Messenger - - - - -	36	–	–			
				420	16	–
			£.	5,491	11	4½
The average of this Sum to each Meter - - - - -			£.	68	12	10

The Coal Meter usually gets a bag of coals, as a gratuity, from the Captain of the ship, on the cargo being discharged.

OBSERVATIONS:

THE Officers af this Establishment have no salary; they are remunerated for their constant services and attendance by the fees hereinbefore stated, out of which they have to provide an office, coals and candles, stationery, &c.

By order of His Majesty's Commissioners of Customs, returns from the office of this establishment of the quantity of coals discharged from each ship, upon its being cleared out, have been made to the Custom House for nearly 10 years, which has saved to His Majesty's Revenue the necessity and expense of providing so many ship officers; and it will be seen, by reference to the books of entry at the Custom House, that since the regulation commenced, by which the Coal Meters became a check for the Revenue as to the number of tons of coal discharged from each ship, and by the certificates from the proper officers of His Majesty's Customs, and of the Board of Wide Streets in Dublin, that the Revenue and Wide Streets duty on Coals have been increased above £. 12,000 per annum, and for the performance of which duty no remuneration whatever is made to this office, either by the Revenue or the Commissioners of Wide Streets.

The Coal Meters are obliged to stand on the deck, and to attend the admeasurement of coals out of ships, for eight months in the year from six o'clock in the morning until eight o'clock at night, and for four winter months from seven o'clock in the morning until five o'clock in the evening, except during the hours appointed for breakfast and dinner.

The coals are measured out to the public, as in London, in the presence of a sworn Coal Meter, in half barrel tubs (16 of which make a ton) provided by the water bailiffs, who are officers appointed by the Corporation of Dublin; the size of the tub or half barrel is regulated by an Act of Parliament passed in the first year of the reign of his Majesty King George the second (1727,) and each tub is sealed by the Clerk of the Market, as directed by the statute.

The Inspectors duty is to visit each ship, and to see that the Meters do their duty correctly, and if any complaint be made, to report it to the Coal Committee appointed by the Guild of Merchants, who sit for the purpose of hearing and redressing any such complaints.

Quay Officers have been appointed by the Commissioners of Customs over the coal ships, to prevent the discharge of coals during the breakfast and dinner hours of the Coal Meters.

Coal Meters Office, Dublin,
April 1823.

Richd Oulton,
Book-keeper to the Coal Meters Establishment,
appointed by the Guild of Merchants.

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AN ACCOUNT of the respective Periods at which the DUES, CHARGES, or FEES of the COAL METERS in DUBLIN were first levied, and at what Periods respectively they have been increased, until they reach the specific Sums at which they now stand.

THE time when those Wages were first levied is too remote to be now ascertained, but it may have been long prior to the year 1451; the first regulation that can be found for ascertaining same is by authority of an Entry in an ancient Journal of the Guild of Merchants, dated Midsummer 30 Henry 6, which fixed the wages for measuring every 12 gallons of coals at the price of (not now easily intelligible but supposed to be) one farthing, which would amount to much more than the present wages.

This Bye-law of the Guild was confirmed by a Charter from King Henry the fifth, also by a Charter from Queen Elizabeth, both by authority of Parliament, which gave the Guild full power to make such new Bye-laws as to them should seem expedient.

The Coal Meters wages fixed at two-pence per ton by authority of the Guild, by a Bye-law, dated 14th January 1677.

The wages were raised to three-pence per ton, by authority of the Guild, on 13th January 1794, and this was necessarily done, in order to afford remuneration to an increased number of fifteen new Coal Meters, then found indispensable to be appointed to attend to the Coal Shipping, in order to do justice to the public, and to prevent delays in the delivery of Coals to purchasers.

The Meters wages were increased to four-pence per ton by authority of the Guild, on the 16th April 1798, which the Guild were induced to allow on account of the inadequacy of the wages of three-pence per ton to support them and their families, and in consequence of the increased hours of their attendance.

The last increase to six-pence per ton, being the present rate, and which is far less than the rate allowed in 1451, was allowed by authority of the said Guild of Merchants on the 12th July 1802, being upwards of twenty years ago, upon consideration of the benefit that would arise to their fellow citizens, from giving the Coal Meters such a remuneration as would prevent any collusion between them and the captains and masters of coal ships, by making them more independent of such captains and masters, and also in consideration of the additional labour then put on the Coal Meters in keeping exact tally in writing of the discharge of every cargo; the consequence of this increase has been, that a more respectable class of citizens now fill the situation of Coal Meters, strict justice is done to the public by their constant attention to the admeasurement of Coals, and His Majesty's Revenue, and the Wide Street Duties thereon, have been increased at least £. 12,000 per annum.

Timothy and *John Allen*,
Clerks of Guild of Merchants, Dublin.

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N° 3—*continued.*

RETURN of the Number of COAL SHIPS Invoiced in this Port for 3 Years, ending the and also, An Account of the manner

YEARS, Ending 5th January.	Number of Vessels Invoiced.	Of which discharged at Dunleary, &c. not subject to City Dues.	Number of Vessels discharged in Dublin, and paid City Dues.	SUM paid by each.	Number of Vessels that paid Chapter and Guild.	SUM paid by each.	GROSS SUM Received.	Corporation at large: Slippage.	Corporation at large: Anchorage.
							£. s. d.	£. s. d.	£. s. d.
1820	1,942	129	1,813	14/5½	469	1/7½	1,348 15 1	54 7 9½	284 – 9
1821	1,756	121	1,635	- -	439	- -	1,217 12 9	49 1 –	256 3 –
1822	1,884	131	1,753	- -	413	- -	1,300 16 7	52 11 9½	274 12 9
	5,582	381	5,201	- -	1,321	- -	3,867 4 5	156 – 7	814 16 6

12th March 1823.

Water Bailiffs Office, Dublin, 29th March 1223.

My Lord,

IN obedience to your Lordship's reference of the 7th instant (March) to the Orders of the Honourable the House of Commons, bearing date the 18th February last; *viz.*—

" *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House, an Account of all Port Dues, Charges, " or Fees, paid to persons appointed by the Lord Mayor of Dublin, or Guild of " Merchants, on all Vessels discharging Coals in the Port of Dublin, during three " years, ending January 1822, under the name of Fees or Gratuities to Master Coal " Meters, or Inspectors Fees for Coal Tubs, Lord Mayor's Fees, Water Bailiffs Fees, " Book-keeper's Fees, or other Fees, of whatever description, and by whatever other " name designated, with the Name and Amount of Salary of Officer or Officers " receiving or collecting the same; distinguishing the Particulars of such Dues, " Charges, or Fees, to what purpose applied, and under what law or authority levied."

" *Ordered*, That there be laid before this House, an Account of the respective Periods " at which the Dues, Charges, or Fees mentioned above, were first levied, and at " what Periods respectively they have been increased, until they reached the specific " Sums at which they now stand."

We beg leave to submit, that the sum of seven shillings and threepence-halfpenny (Irish currency) has been paid into the Clerk of the Ships entries to our account, on all Vessels discharging Coals in the Port of Dublin, during three years, ending January 1822, amounting in the whole to the sum of £. 1,746. 9. 1. (that is to say;) for the year ending January 1820, £. 610. 6. 5½.; for the year ending January 1821, £. 547. 15. 1½.; and for the year ending January 1822, £. 588. 7. 6.; for which we are bound, under severe and heavy responsibilities, to provide each ship, during the discharge of its cargo, with two sufficient legal measures, to enable the Coal Meters to protect the public purchasers of Coals from fraud and imposition.

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N° 3—*continued.*

5th day of January 1822, with the Amount of City Dues paid by them to Edward Hamerton, Receiver; how the same has been applied.

How same has been applied:																								
LORD MAYOR.			WATER BAILIFFS.			RECORDER.			SHERIFFS.			ED. HAMERTON, Receiver.			TOTAL AMOUNT.		
£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.	£.	s.	d.
206	12	6	610	6	5½	8	15	10½	8	15	10½	175	15	10	1.348	15	1
184	7	6	547	15	1½	8	4	7½	8	4	7½	163	16	10½	1,217	12	9
199	2	6	588	7	6	7	14	10½	7	14	10½	170	12	3½	1,300	16	7
590	2	6	1,746	9	1	24	15	4½	24	15	4½	510	5	–	3,867	4	5

Edwd Hamerton.

We presume, that five shillings and eight-pence of the above-mentioned seven shillings and threepence-halfpenny is levied under regulations, made and provided by the Corporation of the City of Dublin, in virtue of its chartered rights; we only know the charge to have existed with the Charter. The remaining one shilling and seven-pence halfpenny was a voluntary addition, made by the commanders of all the vessels in the trade, in the year 1800, upon a full conviction of the inadequacy of the existing remuneration to the duties and expenses of the Water Bailiffs. We found the charge consolidated and established with the former charge on our coming into office, and it has continued so, and been paid so, cheerfully and without a single murmur since.

We beg leave further to submit, that the expenditure attendant on this ancient establishment, useful and absolutely necessary as it is, reduces the remuneration for responsibility, and for constant care and personal attendance, of at least one of us, very much; under an arrangement of the Corporation, the collection of the charges on vessels discharging Coals in the Port of Dublin, has been consigned to the Clerk of the Ships Entries in the Port, at a per centage; the per centage on our proportion amounted to £. 174. 10. 3. in the three years. The rent of an office, a yard, and store for the period, the materials for additional and new measures, to supply the place of damaged and cast ones, and to meet in the most prompt manner all applications; the constant employ of one, and occasional employ of other coopers, with other incidental expenses, amount to £. 349. 1. 7. making in the whole, £. 523. 11. 10. and leaving a net Balance of £. 1,222. 17. 3. or on an average, £. 200 per year, or thereabouts, for each of us.

All which is dutifully and humbly submitted, by your obedient Servants,

A. Mitchell,
Francis Thomé, } Water Bailiffs, City of Dublin.

Rt. Hon. the Lord Mayor
of the City of Dublin.

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